

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 736 - SB 872**

February 16, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Changes, from urges to requires, the Standards Recommendation Committee to include events of the Civil Rights Movement during the period from 1954 to 1968 in the committee's final recommendation of academic standards in the subject of social studies for students in grades nine through twelve (9-12).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-1-311 requires SBE to appoint two standards review committees and six advisory teams to review the standards for English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies at least once every six years from the last adoption. SBE may extend the six-year period required for the standards review one time for a period not to exceed three years.
- Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 49-1-312 and 49-1-313 require the standards recommendation committees to make the final recommendations on the revision and replacement of the current sets of standards to SBE.
- Social Studies standards review is currently scheduled for August of 2023 and SBE will be able update to the standards to align with this legislation during the regularly-scheduled standards review.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-2207 requires local boards of education to adopt textbooks and instructional materials from the list of approved materials established by the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission. Textbooks and materials are required to be adopted for a period of no less than three years; however, the Commission is also authorized to grant waivers for schools regarding this adoption time.
- Because the proposed revised standards for social studies will occur during the scheduled standards review cycle, local education agencies (LEAs) will be able to adopt and purchase any new instructional and supplemental materials within existing resources.
- The creation of new academic standards in social studies may require changes to Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) end-of-course assessment (EOC) testing materials for grades 9-12 assessments; however, DOE's current contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. for the creation and administration of the TCAP EOC assessments allows for the modification of testing materials at no additional cost.

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- Any increase in state expenditures for such alterations of the TCAP are considered not significant.
- Any impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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